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REMARKS

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1. The KVP engineer regiment stationed at Kletz was subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior in Berlin, had the designation "D 2-Kommando", and was quartered in the former residential settlement of the ammunition factory in Kletz.

2. The headquarters of the unit numbered 36 officers, 5 NCOs and 5 EM; the motor transport company had 5 officers, 10 NCOs and 60 EM; the technical company had 5 officers, 10 NCOs and 60 EM; the supply platoon had 1 officer, 5 NCOs and 15 EM; the band had 3 NCOs and 18 EM; the dispensary had 2 officers, 3 NCOs and 3 EM; the instruction company had 5 officers, 16 NCOs and 97 EM; and the 1st and 2d Bns each had 18 officers, 32 NCOs and 181 EM.

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the actual strength equaled authorized strength. 1

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The headquarters of the 1st Bn numbered 5 officers, 3 NCOs and no enlisted men; the command platoon included 1 officer, 2 NCOs and 10 enlisted men; and the 1st through 3d Cos each numbered 4 officers, 9 NCOs and 57 enlisted men. 1

3. Officers of the unit included Lieutenant Colonel Wronski (fmu), commanding officer; Major Bossens (fmu), deputy for personnel affairs; Captain Hommel (fmu), chief of staff; Captain Luhn (fmu), deputy for supply affairs; Captain Menzner (fmu), deputy for technical equipment; Senior Lieutenant Mothes (fmu), commander of the 1st Bn; Captain Stieg (fmu), commander of the 2d Bn; and Lieutenant Krueger (fmu), leader of the instruction company. 1

4. The motor vehicles of the unit included 25 H-3-A trucks; 25 G-5 trucks; 1 2 IS-150 crane truck; 2 Phaenomen Granit-27 ambulances; 1 EMW P-1 command car; 1 EMW sedan; 1 DKW sedan; and 5 Granit-27 Phaenomen trucks. Other G-5 trucks were expected. Except for the five fairly old Granit-27 Phaenomen trucks, almost all vehicles were ready for use and in a good shape.

5. [redacted] the number of available medium and terminal ponton components at 200 units which included about 40 [redacted] single components. [redacted] the Soviet-made bridge equipment in stock consisted of 1 1/2 basic sets of ponton park equipment. Fifteen tugs bearing Soviet inscriptions and mounted on two-wheeled trailers manufactured by the firm Lowa, and 15 to 20 assault boat engines with Soviet labels were available.

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6. Five percent of the soldiers belonged to the 1936 class; 25 percent to the 1935 class; 30 percent to the 1934 class; 30 percent to the 1933 class; and 10 percent to older classes.
7. The men included 90 percent who served less than three years and 10 percent serving three to five years. After early October 1953, the strength of the unit was increased by continuous inductions of recruits whose number was 40 to 50 percent of authorized strength on 1 December 1953, the date of the beginning of the new training year. 2
8. Thirty-five percent of the soldiers came from Saxony/Anhalt; 30 percent from Saxony; 15 percent from Thuringia; 5 percent from Mecklenburg; 10 percent from Brandenburg; and 5 percent from Berlin.
9. Twenty percent of the men were loyal communists; 50 percent were indifferent; 20 percent were passive opponents; and 10 percent were active opponents. Their morale was poor because of long duty, limited leave, isolated living and arrogance by and better food for officers.
10. Lieutenant Colonel Levin (fmu), and an unidentified lieutenant colonel were assigned to the D 2-Kommando as Soviet advisers. They watched service activities, but did not personally interfere with training. They discussed details with the officers involved.
11. Training with the instruction company commenced on about 15 November 1953 and consisted of infantry basic training up to company level, infantry tactics up to squad level, marksmanship training and political indoctrination. 3

1. [redacted] Comment. The engineer regiment commanded by Wronski (fmu), which is subordinate directly to the MdI/KVP, is confirmed in Kletz with a size of about 800 men prior to late December 1953. The unit was stationed at Kuechensee prior to late August. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The strength of the unit was increased due to the new recruiting program which was intensified in September 1953. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Winter training with the other units commenced in early December 1953. 25X1

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